



CITY OF BANNING STAFF REPORT

TO: CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Robert Fisher, Acting City Manager

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MEETING DATE: July 8, 2025

SUBJECT: Consideration of Resolution No. 2025-112 to Approve Budget Appropriation to fund the SWAG contract

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Appropriation for SWAG contract in the amount of \$48,502/month for a not to exceed total of \$582,024 for FY2026 from the General Fund.

BACKGROUND:

SWAG is a non-profit public benefit corporation in good standing with the California Secretary of State. SWAG's principal business location is 5053 La Mart Dr, Suite 204 in Riverside, California. SWAG's mission is to advocate, educate and inspire marginalized individuals and families in Southern California to achieve sustainable independence through community support. SWAG provides or has provided homeless intervention and related services to a number of Inland Empire communities, including Desert Hot Springs, Colton, Temecula, Chino Hills, Lake Elsinore and Rialto. Some of the services provided by SWAG in communities it serves include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Responding to homeless service requests made by City staff, and law enforcement in a timely
2. Providing immediate crisis stabilization to those experiencing behavioral health, physical crisis and emergencies and connection to behavioral health and substance abuse treatment
3. Case management of individuals that are in treatment and temporary living situations to help ensure they do not return to the streets.
4. Assisting unsheltered homeless individuals with obtaining admittance and transportation to emergency shelters and connecting them with transitional and permanent housing options.

On May 30, 2025, City Council approved SWAG contractor. Staff is requesting a budget appropriation to fund the contract in the amount of \$48,502/month for a not to exceed total of \$582,024 for FY2026.

JUSTIFICATION:

Homeless Encampments pose a serious public safety risk, often causing fires and exposing encampment residents to increased risk of sexual violence and criminal activity, to property damage and break-ins, and unsanitary conditions affecting both residents and neighbors. They dampen and deter both commercial and recreational activity through the accumulation of hazardous material and excessive debris, harming downtowns and depriving Californians of their public spaces. Large encampments and those with semi-permanent structures exacerbate and perpetuate these harms.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Expense in the amount \$48,502/month for a not to exceed total of \$582,024 for annual cost in FY2026.

ALTERNATIVES:

- 1) Do not approve budget appropriation and cancel SWAG contract, or
- 2) City Council to provide alternative direction.

BUDGETED?:

No

CONTRACT/AGREEMENT:

Yes

ATTACHMENTS:

1. [Resolution_2025-112_SWAG_Contract.docx](#)
1. [\(1\)Banning General Services Agreement - SWAG.docx](#)
2. [Exhibit A - Proposal.pdf](#)